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Letter dated 14 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to write to you in your capacity as Secretary-General of the United Nations and hereby transmit a copy of the note verbale sent to your Executive Office (see annex).

I should also like to request that this letter and the attached note verbale be circulated as soon as possible as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55.

Cuba reiterates that the Government of the United States should respect international law and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations; it should therefore cease its illegal and covert actions against Cuba, which are condemned by the Cuban people and international public opinion, and prevent the further occurrence of incidents such as those described in the note verbale.

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Annex to the letter dated 14 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and wishes to report the following:

- On 4 April 2014, the United States news agency Associated Press published an article containing information about a United States Agency for International Development (USAID) project entitled "ZunZuneo", a kind of "Cuban Twitter", which is designed to undermine the revolutionary Government.
- The social network was active for two years, until 2012, and had some 40,000 users. Databases of the Cuban Telecommunications Corporation had been unlawfully obtained for that purpose.
- This network was used to collect the private data of Cuban users, without their consent, and to process their profiles by gender, age, tastes and affiliations of various kinds, for use for political purposes.
- The investigative report of the Associated Press revealed the extent and details of the development of ZunZuneo for subversive ends, with funding from USAID.

These reports confirm the Cuban Government's repeated complaints and demonstrate once again that the United States Government has not abandoned its subversive plans against Cuba, aimed at destabilizing the country in order to bring about changes in the political system, plans to which it continues to allocate millions of dollars every year.

ZunZuneo, like other subversive operations, violates Cuban law and United States legislation, such as the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography And Marketing Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-187), adopted by the United States Congress in December 2003, which prohibits the sending of commercial or other types of messages without the express consent of the addressee. Such activity also violates 11 International Telecommunication Union resolutions.

The United States seeks to use social networks against Cuba as part of a plan to use "soft-power tactics" to overthrow governments without having to resort to military force or before the armed forces can be called in.

For decades, the United States has imposed on Cuba a policy of harsh economic, financial and trade sanctions, has organized acts of terrorism and sabotage, and has financed a weak internal opposition, with the intention of subverting public order and overthrowing the Cuban Government.

Cuba strongly condemns these new covert and illegal actions and demands that the United States Government should respect international law and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.